
**COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

May 4, 2006

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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Deborah Robertson, at 10:03 a.m. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Barnes, Christine	City of La Palma
Bowlen, Paul (Vice Chair)	City of Cerritos
Davert, Doug	City of Tustin
Edney, Jon A.	City of El Centro/IVAG
Fesmire, Melanie	CVAG
Jasper, Timothy	City of Apple Valley
Krause, Mary Ann	City of Santa Paula
Lantz, Paula	City of Pomona
Loveridge, Ronald	City of Riverside
McCallon, Larry	City of Highland
Nowatka, Paul	City of Torrance
Nunez, John	SGVCOG
Poe, Marilyn	City of Los Alamitos
Ring, Bob	OCCOG
Robertson, Deborah (Chair)	City of Rialto
Ten, Mike	SGVCOG

Members Not Present

Arguello, Daniel	SGVCOG
Coerper, Gil	City of Huntington Beach
Daigle, Leslie	OCCOG
Dispenza, Mike	City of Palmdale
Green, Cathy	OCCOG
Hofmeyer, Daryl	City of Paramount
Kirby, Dan	SGVCOG
McCullough, Kathryn	OCCOG
McSweeney, Susan	City of Westlake
Norby, Chris	Orange County
Parks, Bernard	City of Los Angeles
Perry, Jan	City of Los Angeles
Ramirez, Rick	Gateway Cities

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Reyes, Ed	City of Los Angeles
Richardson, Laura	City of Long Beach
Serrano, Joseph	Gateway Cities
White, Charles	WRCOG Subregion
Williams, Diane	SANBAG

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Deborah Robertson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The Chair led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were approved without objection.

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Approve Minutes of April 6, 2006

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 State Legislative Matrix

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Proposed Pilot Program

Councilmember Richard Dixon, City of Lake Forest, spoke on behalf of the Orange County Council of Governments. Mr. Dixon presented several items in writing for consideration in regards to the new RHNA program and then summarized them as follows:

- Will the strong tie to the Compass program essentially change it from a voluntary program to a required program?

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- The SCAG Plan and Program Technical Advisory Committee should be involved.
- The timeline for this process and how it links to the RTP are not clear.
- The timeline for trades and transfers is not clear.
- It is not clear how this process will be funded either to SCAG or the subregions for which allocation is delegated to.
- The proposed process is a fundamental change in the project process for the RTP.
- The RHNA Pilot Program does not provide much more local control over the process because HCD still has the final approval of the forecast and methodology. SCAG must still prepare a forecast that is consistent with State law. This appears to shift the work from the State to SCAG.

At this juncture in the meeting, Chair Robertson welcomed new member Mayor Pro Tem John H. Nunez of the City of Rosemead, representing the San Gabriel Valley COG.

The Chair then recognized Hasan Ikhata, Director of Planning and Policy, who gave a report on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment proposed pilot program. Before giving the report on the RHNA pilot program Mr. Ikhata clarified that the suggested pilot program is a staff recommendation to CEHD for a new approach to RHNA to take place in the existing RHNA. For this to take place in the existing statute legislation has to pass, for that to happen the Committee must be comfortable with the staff recommendation to be able to recommend it to the Regional Council.

Mayor Loveridge asked about the timeline of this program. Mr. Ikhata stated that currently SCAG has to complete the RHNA by June 2007. Mr. Ikhata stated that SCAG has requested another 2-year extension, which has not yet been approved by HCD.

Mr. Ikhata gave a detailed presentation highlighting the key features of the SCAG proposed RHNA Pilot Program with an accompanying Power Point presentation.

Mr. Ikhata responded to Mr. Dixon's statement that HCD would have authority in approving the methodology, Mr. Ikhata said this is not the case; HCD only needs to agree to the total regional housing needs numbers. It is not up to HCD what methodology the region develops. Mr. Ikhata reiterated that SCAG has no

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authority over land use, but the organization does have the desire to provide tools, and incentives, resources for cities to provide housing and link it to transportation. Mr. Ikhata went on to compare the existing statute and the proposed program as diagrammed in the power point.

As the presentation progressed, lengthy discussion ensued among staff and the Committee.

Colin Lennard, SCAG Counsel, spoke on the legal impacts of not complying with either the substituted program or the Pilot RHNA. Cities will not have an appropriate housing element if you haven't complied with RHNA, if there is no housing element then the city will not have a general plan, and with no general plan everything in the city is at risk of coming to a halt. Secondly, if the city chooses not to comply with RHNA then the city suffers the probabilities that there will be third parties who will essentially sue SCAG, the city, county, or all three to require compliance with State housing law.

After more discussion the Chair stated that the Committee needed to make a decision so that the process could proceed. She acknowledged that the action item's intention was to move the RHNA Pilot Program into legislation and called for all cities present to support the legislative effort.

Action: It was moved by Councilmember McCallon, seconded by Councilmember Loveridge, and passed to recommend to the Regional Council that SCAG continue to proceed with the Pilot Program.

Mayor Loveridge stated his cities support of the RHNA Pilot Program and volunteered assistance as the legislation moves forward.

5.2 Housing Related Legislative Bills

Due to a shortage of time, it was decided the report would be given directly to the Regional Council.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Compass Blueprint Marketing and Outreach Plan

Chester Britt, Arellano Associates, reported on the role and progress of his organization to market the Compass Blueprint program. The challenge of their agency is to make the program understandable throughout the region to both the

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general and targeted audience that is cities, counties and subregions. He stated a survey will be taken to gather facts from the different cities about their perceptions of the program, their understanding of the program, and their opinion of SCAG services that are being offered. In the coming weeks packages will be mailed to all cities that will contain general information about the program; followed up with some media events; focus marketing; and an annual event highlighting those demonstration projects that have been successful. Mr. Britt completed his presentation by encouraging members to take a look at the www.socalcompass.org site.

7.0 STAFF REPORT

Lynn Harris, Manager, Community Development, said if there were any members interested in going to Sacramento on behalf of the Blueprint program to please see her or Joe Carreras.

8.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

None.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Chair moved to adjourn the CEHD at 11:11 a.m. the committee agreed unanimously. The next CEHD meeting will be held in conjunction with the Regional Council Retreat at Marina del Rey Marriot Hotel in Marina del Rey, June 1, 2006.

Action Minutes Approved by:


Lynn Harris, Manager
Community Development-